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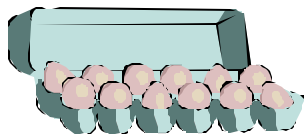
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged to higher. The market tone ranged at least steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was light to good, better where scattered features were in progress. Supplies were about adequate to tight and held with confidence. In the Midwest, offerings were limited for the mostly moderate demand. In the Eastern region, breaking stock supplies were generally adequate for the light to occasionally moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia prices ranged 1 to 2.5 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher for mediums; in Boston prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums, when based on previous week's average prices. In New England prices were 1 cent higher on large and unchanged on balance of sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand remained fair to good, although better where occasional promotional activities were in place. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher for larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was fair to good, better where features were a factor. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand mixed and ranged from light to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were higher for the larger sizes and mediums. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent lower for large and down 2 cents for medium due to changes in terms. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to good. Food service movement was mostly fairly good. Supplies were tight to adequate and were held with confidence. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were too few to report. Offerings were limited and demand was mixed from light to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady.

SOUTHERN Prices were higher compared to last week. The market tone was at least steady to firm. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate to good. Retail features planned or in progress this week helped to stimulate movement. Supplies were about adequate on all sizes, however, large sizes were sometimes short. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 11th was 67.4 cents, unchanged from last week and .58 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies continued adequate from regular sources and demand for additional eggs was light to moderate. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices in California 2 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large and large, 3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings in good balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	92-94	62-65
New York	75-77	72-75	52-55
Philadelphia	69.5-75	67.5-73	49-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	67-68	65.5-67	43-44
Jackson (1)	77-78	74-75	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-88	72-86	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	64-69	63-68	44-49
Detroit (2)	61-64	60-63	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	62-68	61-67	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	65-72	63-70	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	84-86	78-80	57-59
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	95	76
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, best where features planned. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89-129, buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122
EXTRA LARGE	104
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	76
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	187-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 18, 2000 will increase by 13 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 11, 2000 were 226,572 cases which was 18 percent below the prior week and 18 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	189,356	37,216	226,572

% change from the prior week..... -20 -2 -18
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock trading was too few to report prices with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings limited with demand mixed from light to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	TFEWR	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-30	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed, generally no better than fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9.5	4-5.75	5.36

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was fair for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week were normal. The market tone was about steady to steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9.75	2-6	4.83

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM AUG 14, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	13.3	5.3	12.5	7.4	47.4
	Change	-1.7	-0.9	0.9	0.5	-0.3	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.8	37.4	9.1	24.9	23.0	111.2
	Change	-3.1	0.3	-1.4	-0.2	2.2	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	23.5	74.3	46.3	74.6	85.5	304.2
	Change	-3.3	-1.2	-0.8	6.3	9.7	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	41.1	9.9	25.0	25.2	112.9
	Change	0.9	4.9	-3.9	-2.5	0.5	0%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	7.7	2.2	7.0	4.7	25.3
	Change	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-1.4	0.8	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.5	18.2	8.6	12.5	5.0	50.8
	Change	1.0	-3.3	1.0	1.3	-1.3	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.0	42.8	20.8	33.0	41.0	158.6
	Change	2.4	-2.4	3.0	1.3	-3.6	0%
Total	Curr Wk	92.1	234.8	102.2	189.5	191.8	810.4
Percent	Change	-4%	-1%	-1%	3%	4%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	810.4	1%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	405.1	-7%	39
Total Shell Egg	1,215.5	-2%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	169	165.9	156.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 31, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	132	132	122	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 11, 2000

CURRENT LOADS	11.50	FUTURE LOADS	16.00	TOTAL LOADS	27.50
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SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	—	—	51.00	53.00	—	—	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 3	34.00	—	—	37.00	38.50	42.00	GL W XL	57.00	—	—	—	—	66.50
GL W XL	—	—	—	61.00	57.00	—	GL W LG	55.00	—	—	—	—	63.75
GL W LG	—	—	54.50	56.00	—	—	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	39.00	41.00
GL W MD	32.00	—	—	—	—	—							
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—							
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—							

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/07/00-08/11/00

CURRENT LOADS	115.75	FUTURE LOADS	87.00	TOTAL LOADS	202.75
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SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	42.00	55.30	49.38	49.29	45.00	44.00	GNR W 1	—	53.94	—	—	—	—	22.00
GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	39.75	42.25	GNR W 2	—	29.40	—	—	—	—	2.50
GNR W 3	34.00	—	31.25	34.75	38.50	42.00	GNR W 3	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 4	—	—	28.00	29.00	36.00	37.50	GL W XL	57.00	—	—	—	51.00	63.00	5.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	44.75	46.50	—	—	GL W LG	55.00	56.00	—	—	50.00	60.37	8.25
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	49.50	—	—	GL W MD	28.31	30.00	—	—	35.00	34.54	4.25
GL W XL	—	60.00	50.00	58.75	55.17	—	GL W SM	—	18.00	22.00	23.00	—	—	4.00
GL W LG	—	58.38	51.33	54.25	51.54	—	GL BR LG	52.00	54.00	—	—	—	—	.75
GL W MD	32.00	—	32.33	34.71	32.00	37.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	21.50	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—	24.50	26.00	—	—	1.25
GL BR MD	—	—	27.00	29.00	—	—								
NRBS - 50	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.92	39.13								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—								
NRBS - 39	21.50	22.00	—	—	—	30.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/30/00 - 08/05/00

Origin State	AR	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	PA	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	5,600	0	0	792	0	0	1,495	0	0	1,800	0	33	9,720
C. CA	860	828	9,812	1,774	1,620	0	807	0	0	0	0	591	264	0	16,556
S. CA	0	3,510	11,866	0	4,560	2,952	0	2,340	0	506	1,080	807	0	0	27,621
TOTAL STATE	860	4,338	27,278	1,774	6,180	3,744	807	2,340	1,495	506	1,080	3,1980	264	33	53,897

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
119-122	82-85	74-77	43-46	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
69-72	60-66	58-63	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
43-45	24-26	12-14

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
83.92	76.92	57.00	41.36

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/07/00	7/31/00	8/10/99
PACIFIC COAST	852	712	297
LOS ANGELES	704	655	253

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR AUGUST 8, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 7/30/00-8/5/00
30-dozen cases 4,356

Receipts from the mainland: 7/23/00-7/29/00
30-dozen cases 4,525

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